

HISTORY OF CECILTON

The Town of Cecilton owes its existence to Augustine Herman, an immigrant to America in 1633 and sometime friend and ally of New Amsterdam Governor Peter Stuyvesant. He was the builder and first Lord of Bohemia Manor in Cecil County, founder of a long line of distinguished descendants, and subject of heroic legend. Herman made several attempts to establish a town named for his friend Cecilius Calvert, the Second Lord Baltimore, in lower Cecil County, but, uncharacteristically, he was not successful. It was not until after Augustine Herman's death that his descendants founded the Town of Cecilton at the crossroads of Maryland Route 213 and Route 282.

Today, Cecilton remains a quiet residential community supported by agriculture and summer residents. The Town is surrounded by active farmland, much of which has been placed in agricultural preservation programs, ensuring that the area will maintain its rural character. With the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Sassafras and Bohemia Rivers only a few miles to the South and North, respectively, Cecilton attracts a great deal of seasonal tourism. The Town contains an elementary school, recreation facilities, athletic fields and public library.

At the largest crossroads south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Cecilton is the hub of most of the community and public facilities and services in the lower county.

The heart of the Town is 117 West Main Street, where the Town Hall is located. West Main Street also is the location of two banks, post office, small shops and restaurants. Residents can chat with the Mayor or a Council Member while picking up their mail or eating lunch.

Four Council Members and the Mayor are elected from the Town at large. All of the Town Officials serve staggered two-year terms. Mayor and Council meetings convene at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall on the second Wednesday and fourth Monday of each month and are open to the public. In addition the Town has a standing Planning Commission and a Board of Appeals made up of community volunteers. The Town is responsible for maintenance of all public facilities including the public water and sewer system, all Town streets and the Town Park. The Town maintains working relationships with other organizations in the community including the Cecilton Elementary School, Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company, Cecilton's Lion's Club, the Head Start Program, Cecilton Upper Bay Ruritan's, Union Bethel AME Church, and the Zion United Methodist Church.

Cecilton is one of the fastest growing communities of its class in the State of Maryland. It is currently completing its new wastewater treatment plant, and preparing for the building of 40 new single-family homes and the groundbreaking for a new 55 Plus Retirement Community. The town is also in the approval stages for the building of Cecilton Village a development of approximately 26 residential units combined with retail space. The Town is currently working with retailers to bring a convenience store to the crossroads of Routes 282 and 213. Cecilton's recent growth has been exceptional due to the availability of affordable homes, the Town's new Development Design Standards, and the large seasonal influx of boaters and campers to the area.